

By the Quene.



Ye Quene our Soueraigne Ladye, vnderstandynge that a multitude of euyl disposed persones, beyng bozne out of her highnes dominions in other sundrie nations, fleinge from the obeyssaunce of the Princes and rulers vnder whome they be bozne, some for heresye, some for murder, treason, robberye, and some for other horrible crimes, be resorted and come into her maiesties realme, and here haue made their demour and yet be commoraunt and lynyng partly to eschewe such condigne punishment, as their sayde horrible crimes deserue, and partly to dilate, plante and sowe the seedes of their maliciouse doctrine, and lewde conuersation, amonge the good subiectes of this her graces Realme, of purpose to infecte her good subiectes with the lyke, in so muche as besides innumerable heresies, which diuerse of the same beyng heretiques, haue preached and taught, within her highnes sayde Realme. It is assuredly knowen vnto her maiestie, that not onely their secreete practises haue not fayled to styre comforte and ayde, diuerse her highnes subiectes, to this most vnnatural rebellion, against god and her grace, but also some other of them, desiste not styl to practyse with her people estones to rebell: Her maiestie therfore hauynge (as is afoze sayde) knowledge and intelligence hercof, hath for remedie herin determined, and most straghtly chargerth and commaundeth, that al & euery such persone or persons bozne out of her highnes dominions, now commoraunte or resiaunte within this Realme, of what soeuer nation or countrey, beyng eyther preacher, prynter, bokefeller, or other artificer or of whatsoeuer callinge els, not beinge denizen, or merchaunt knowen, vsyng the trade of merchandise, or seruauant to suche Ambassadors as beliegers here, from the princes and states ioyned in league with her grace, Shall within xxliij. dayes after this proclamation, arovyde the Realme, vpon payne of mooste greuouse punishment by imprisonment, and forfaiture and confiscation of all theyr goodes and moueables, and also to be delyuered vnto their naturall Princes or Rulers, against whose persones or lawes, they haue offended. Seuynge to all maiors, Iustices, bailifes, custables and other her ministers, officers & good subiectes, straightly also in charge, yf they know any such persone not bozne in the Quenes highnes dominions (except before excepted) that shall after the time and daye limited in this proclamation, tarye within thys realme, that they shall apprehende the same persone or persons, and commit hym or them to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mainpryse tyll her graces pleasure or her counsailes be signified vnto them, for the further orderynge of the saide persone or persones. And that yf any of her sayed officers, after the sayed xxliij. dayes apprehende, take or know of any suche, that they shall with diligence immediatly certifie her sayde counsaill therof, to thintent order may furthwith be geuen, for their punishment accor dyng.

God save the Quene.

Londini in aedibus Iohannis Carwodi

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